

Topsoil Quality Checklist

What to check on delivery day

What good topsoil looks like

1 Uniform dark colour

No streaks of grey, orange or pale tan mixed through the pile.

2 Crumbles easily

Breaks apart in your hand rather than forming a hard, sticky clod.

3 Free of debris

No large stones, roots, concrete or plastic mixed in.

4 Earthy smell

Fresh, not sharp or chemical smelling.

5 Few visible weed seeds

A clean load reduces the weeds your new lawn starts out with.

Questions to ask your supplier

1 What is the blend made of?

Ask whether it is a screened turf blend or general purpose fill.

2 Where was it sourced?

A known source is easier to ask questions about than an unspecified one.

3 Has it been screened for debris?

Screening removes stones, clumps and root material before delivery.

4 What depth is included in the quote?

Confirm this matches what your site was assessed to need.

Ask to see the load before it gets spread.

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